

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. SCOTT NEIN

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate my longtime constituent and friend, Scott Nein, upon the recognition by his colleagues as the Industry Person of the Year.

This award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to the improvement of the insurance industry and the independent agency system. Scott is being honored because of his advocacy for independent insurance agents as well as his hard work and selfless effort that contributed to making the merger between the Independent Insurance Agents and the Professional Insurance Agents a reality in Ohio.

Scott Nein is a great leader. First, in the Ohio House and then in the Ohio Senate, he was able to make an impact for our State, and represented his constituents well during his time of service. This man is equally as impressive when it comes to his management and impact within the insurance industry. Throughout his career, he has worked well with diverse groups of people including: clients, consumers, constituents, insurance agents, and elected officials. Scott made "reaching across the aisle" an art form for the betterment of our citizens.

I am very proud to call Scott Nein my close friend and for that I express my most sincere congratulations. His drive is unparalleled, and his devotion to serving others is inspiring. I am certain his shining example has encouraged others to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAYLA HARRISON

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

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Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize a native of my district, Ms. Kayla Harrison, on winning the gold medal at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Kayla made Olympic history by becoming the first American to win a gold medal in judo. Her years of dedication and hard work have clearly paid off. She has been committed to achieving excellence which can be seen by her many accomplishments. Kayla won the Junior World Championships in 2008, was runner-up at the 2009 Junior World Championships, and in 2010 won the Senior World Championships. These results require a consistent effort day in and out.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I proudly salute Ms. Kayla Harrison, on her Olympic victory. She worked incredibly hard to

win an Olympic gold medal and will forever be remembered as the first American to win gold in judo.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS
RESOLUTION, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Continuing Resolution (H.J. Res. 117) to fund the federal government through March 2013.

This bipartisan spending bill staves off the devastating costs recommended by my Republican colleagues and instead continues the funding levels for the operations of federal agencies at last year's levels. I am pleased that this measure extends the services on which New Jersey families rely such as Small Business Administration, SBA, loan guarantees, Veterans Administration, VA, disability claims, and natural disaster relief. It preserves the necessary funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, TANF, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP.

This compromise is by no means perfect, however. I am disappointed that this measure does not take any steps to invest in innovation, improve math and science education, make college more affordable, or help grow industries such as biotechnology and clean energy. I regret that this bill freezes the pay of hardworking federal employees who have already had years of pay freeze. Under this spending bill, no new programs will be funded. Unfortunately, this means that none of the important new programs—such as anti-distracted driving campaigns—authorized in the recently passed MAP-21 transportation bill can begin.

IN HONOR OF MR. BERNIE REIN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great citizen of Connecticut, Bernard "Bernie" Rein of Manchester, Connecticut who passed away last week at the age of 90. Bernie, along with his brother Bob and sister-in-law Betty, started Rein's New York Style Deli in Vernon, Connecticut in 1972. The Reins came from a New Jersey deli family, and started Rein's in Connecticut when they realized how much they missed good New York City deli food. He was raised in Union, New Jersey and was an all-state orchestra drummer during high school. Following graduation, Bernie served as Corporal in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Over the past 40 years, Rein's Deli has served thousands of Connecticut residents

and passing travelers from its location on the Hartford Turnpike. Known for its 'sour pickles' and its fresh deli sandwiches, Rein's has a devoted following in the Vernon community by serving "food that feeds the soul and warms the heart." The reputation of the deli has grown steadily over the years and became a magnet for the travelers en route between New York City to Boston (and vice versa). On any given day, the parking lot in north central Connecticut is packed with cars bearing license plates from New Jersey, New York, and Massachusetts. The workforce has steadily grown and has a solid staff of loyal, long time cooks, waiters and waitresses that now constitute the second largest private work force in town.

Even during this period of impressive growth, the top notch kosher quality of the food has sustained and the atmosphere is still friendly and caring. A big reason for the latter, is that over the years Bernie has been a constant presence, visiting with patrons, telling stories and jokes and always sharing his abiding love for jazz. I personally enjoyed many such exchanges as a regular lunchtime diner and like everyone else, always got a kick out of his quirky good humor. Bernie Rein's legacy is not just that of a devoted husband and restaurateur, but also of an engaged and involved citizen in his local community.

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Bernie will be dearly missed by his wife, Rae Ruby-Rein, his son and his grandchildren, and all those in Connecticut who frequented Rein's Deli. I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the loss and celebrating the life of Bernie Rein.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ED
KEATING CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Ed Keating Center, a Northeast Ohio organization dedicated to helping those who are recovering from alcohol and drug addiction.

The Ed Keating Center was founded in 1998 by Jack Mulhall, Phyllis Eisele-Curran and Dennis Eckersley. The Ed Keating Center is named for Edward J. Keating, a legendary sports agent, who conquered his own alcoholism, and is remembered for providing a chance at sober living to the most destitute of those addicted to alcohol and drugs.

The Ed Keating Center is a non-profit organization and sober living facility for those addicted to drugs and alcohol that serves adults

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regardless of their financial well-being. It offers a six month in-house rehab program, a three-quarter house program and a work release program for its patients. At any given time, the Ed Keating Center is home to about 150 men and women.

The Center's driving principles are that a chance for sober living should be available to any man or women with a sincere determination to overcome their alcoholism or addiction, without regard for their ability to pay. The Center also survives solely on the donations and support of individuals and organizations who believe in communities helping themselves.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in the important work performed by the Ed Keating Center.

HONORING BERNHEIM ARBORETUM AND RESEARCH FOREST FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF "AMERICA'S PRETTIEST PARKS"

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest on being named one of "America's Prettiest Parks" by Yahoo! Travel.

I am fortunate to know firsthand how beautiful this forest is and I am proud that it is located in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Bernheim's mission and vision statements, "connecting people with nature," and "Bernheim will be a nationally treasured leader in ecological stewardship that inspires the exploration of deep connections with nature," are profound and true.

Tom Block, a Bernheim Trustee and the great-grandson of founder Isaac Wolf Bernheim welcomed the distinction, calling it "another branch on Bernheim's growing tree of awards and honors."

Clermont, Kentucky and the surrounding community are fortunate to have this forest in their backyard. For those of you who have yet to visit Bernheim, I encourage you to do so. You will be overwhelmed by its beauty and peace.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. ALEX M. PETROVIC

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to acknowledge the achievements of former Eastern Jackson County Judge, Missouri State Representative, United States Marine Corps Veteran and Sugar Creek resident, Alex M. Petrovic.

Alex M. Petrovic was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 23, 1922, the son of Mildred and Michael Petrovic, and has dedicated his life to serving his country, state, and community. He attended school at Henry Clay School in Kansas City, Missouri, Independence Junior High and William Chrisman High School in the city of Independence, Missouri,

and Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri.

The proud father of six, grandfather of twelve, and great-grandfather of two, Mr. Petrovic was married to the late Frances Diesko Petrovic for fifty-seven years before she passed away in 2001. He served as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps from the year 1942 to 1945, working as a landfall technician, making maps for the 2nd Marine Air Wing, and receiving an honorable discharge following his service in the Pacific theatre, in Guadalcanal and Auckland, New Zealand, and Russell Island.

In addition to his military service, he also worked as a railroad clerk for the Union Pacific Railroad, machine operator, foreman, and sales manager for the Injection Molding Company, as a salesman for Busboom Brothers, as a laborer and engineer at the Standard Oil Plant, and a divisional manager at Waddell & Reed.

Alex M. Petrovic served as a Missouri State Legislator from the year 1962 until the year 1966, as a Democrat, representing the area bounded by the Missouri River up until 23rd Street, Blue Ridge, Kansas City, and 71 Highway. During his terms, he promoted the Little Blue Valley Flood Control program, fought to keep open the Central Missouri State University in the face of closure, and helped develop the Truman Sports Complex. Mr. Petrovic played an active and accomplished role in local Missouri politics, serving in the Independence Sertoma Club, to which he was elected President in the year 1964.

As a State Representative, Mr. Petrovic discovered piles of state records abandoned in the basement of the State Building, and in response, sponsored and passed legislation to create a system for managing Missouri's records, establishing the Missouri State Archives. After his terms in the Missouri Legislature, he was elected to serve as Eastern District Judge for Jackson County, the same seat which President Harry S. Truman occupied before his presidency, from the year 1966 up until the year 1970. As the "Old Judge," he oversaw seven bond issues in building the world's largest sports complex in the history of sports at the time, for the Kansas City Chiefs and the Royals.

On September 21, 2005, Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, the Archives, and fellow members of the Missouri Legislature created the Alex M. Petrovic Reading Room to maintain the historic records of our Great State of Missouri throughout the years. Today, the Missouri State Archives stores document collections dating from 1770 and is visited by 4,500 hundred people every year.

Mr. Petrovic will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on September 23, 2012, and has given a lifetime of service to his community, and should hereby be honored as such. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues in the House join me in honoring Mr. Petrovic for his lifetime of service and accomplishment.

DR. SAM MONROE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, since its founding in 1909, Lamar State College—Port

Arthur has undergone many changes, growing from a petrochemical industry training ground to a flourishing two-year college, offering degrees in numerous highly valued skills. But for 38 years, there has been one constant on campus and that's the leadership of President Dr. Sam Monroe, now recognized as the longest-serving president of a Texas higher education institution.

While Dr. Monroe was not born in Port Arthur, he got there as fast as he could. He moved from College Station at an early age and has remained in the Southeast Texas area ever since, keeping him tuned in to the needs of the surrounding community. Dr. Monroe's career began at the former Port Arthur College, serving as Executive Vice President before being elected President in 1974. Wasting no time making significant changes, he proposed a merger with Lamar University in nearby Beaumont a year later, forming Lamar University—Port Arthur.

Dr. Monroe has overseen a great expansion during his tenure. In 1999, they were granted admission into the Texas State University System then renamed Lamar State College—Port Arthur. A \$5.9 million Performing Arts Center opened in 2004, and a 7,500 square foot Student Success Center was completed in 2011. Dr. Monroe was instrumental in founding and operating the Museum of the Gulf Coast, located in downtown Port Arthur, which tells the history of this special region. 2004 saw the Lamar State College—Port Arthur Seahawks begin play in Men's Basketball and Girl's Softball, helping to create an expanded athletic program and a full college experience.

Many honors and distinctions have been given to Dr. Monroe. The Port Arthur News named him its Citizen of the Year in 2004. He was the first male recipient of the Quota International of Southeast Texas Man of the Year Award in 2005, the first time in almost 60 years that the award was open to both males and females. Earlier this month, he was recognized by Governor Rick Perry as the education president with the longest service in Texas. And, his dedication to the community has expanded outside of campus as Dr. Monroe has volunteered his time on such varied organizations as the Port Arthur Public Library and the Port Arthur Housing Authority.

Thanks to Dr. Sam Monroe, Lamar State College—Port Arthur has transitioned from a small technical school to a sprawling, 40-acre campus home to over 3,000 students. I am proud to recognize his accomplishments. He has touched countless lives, and Southeast Texas is a better place for it.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING VICTIMS OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Ryan Milley, a young man from Conroe, Texas who was born on September 20, 1979. In 1998, 18-year old Ryan lost his life to meningococcal meningitis.

As a result of Ryan's death his family founded Meningitis Angels, a national nonprofit organization that educates the public, health